



I Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, January 2017  
(R.N.S.) (2011 Onwards)  
MATHEMATICS  
M104 : Ordinary Differential Equations

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**Instructions :** 1) **All questions carry equal marks.**  
2) **Solve any five questions choosing atleast two from each Part.**

## PART – A

1. a) Prove that the  $n$  solutions  $\{\phi_j(x), j = 1 \text{ to } n\}$  of  $L_n y = 0$  on  $I$  are linearly independent iff  $W\{\phi_j(x), j = 1 \text{ to } n\} \neq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ . 7
- b) Using Liouville's formula, compute the Wronskian of the independent solutions of  $y^{(5)} - y^{(4)} - y' + y = 0$  in  $[0, 1]$ . 6
- c) Define adjoint and self-adjoint differential equations. 3
2. a) Establish the Green's formula for  $L_n$  the operator  $L_n$  and hence prove that  $L_n^{**} = L_n$ , where  $L_n^*$  is the adjoint operator of  $L_n$ . 7
- b) State and prove Sturm's separation theorem on the zeros of the solutions of a self-adjoint differential equation. Show that zeros of  $\sin(\log x)$  and  $\cos(\log x)$  separate each other. 9
3. a) Explain the method of variation of parameters of finding the general solution of  $L_n y = b(x)$ . 9
- b) State the existence and uniqueness theorem on the solution of the IVP :  
 $y' = f(x, y); y(x_0) = y_0$  on the interval  $|x - x_0| \leq h$ .  
Find the value of 'h' for the IVP :  $y' = y^2, y(1) = -1$ . 7



4. a) Define an eigenvalue problem. Find the eigenvalues and eigen functions of  $\frac{d}{dx}(xy') + \frac{\lambda}{x}y = 0$ ;  $y'(1) = 0 = y'(e^{2\pi})$ . Where  $\lambda$  is non-negative. Expand  $\log x$  in terms of orthonormal eigen functions of the above eigenvalue problem. **10**
- b) Obtain the Green's function for the eigenvalue problem  $y'' + \lambda y = b(x)$ ;  $y(0) = 0 = y(\pi)$ . **6**

## PART – B

5. a) Find the series solution of the Hermite differential equation,  $y'' - 2xy' + 2ny = 0$ , about the ordinary point  $x = 0$ , where  $n$  is non-negative integer. Find its general solution. **6**
- b) Using the Frobenius method, obtain the general solution of the equation  $x^2y'' - xy' + (x^2 - 3)y = 0$ , about the regular singular point  $x = 0$ . **6**
- c) Prove that,  $\frac{1}{1-t} \exp\left\{-\frac{tx}{1-t}\right\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n(x) t^n$ . **4**
6. a) Find all the singular points of the equation,  $x(1-x)y'' + [c - (a+b+1)x]y' - aby = 0$ . Find the indicial equations and the exponents about each of the regular singular points. Put  $x = \frac{1}{t}$  and transform the equation and determine the type of singular point at infinity. **7**
- b) Determine the Chebyshev polynomial solution of  $(1-x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0$ . **6**
- c) Prove that  $(1-x^2)T_n'(x) + nxT_n(x) - nT_{n-1}(x) = 0$ . **3**



7. a) Find the fundamental matrix solution of  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$ . 5

b) Determine the nature and stability of the critical point in the following :

i)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -2x + 4y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + 6y$

ii)  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = +2b \frac{dx}{dt} + a^2x = 0$  when  $b > a$  are real constants. (3+3)

c) Determine the nature and stability of the critical point (0, 0) in the following :

$\frac{dx}{dt} = x + x^2 - 3xe^x, \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + y + 3ye^y$ . 5

8. a) Find all the critical points in the following non-linear system

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - xy, \frac{dy}{dt} = x - y^3$ .

Determine the nature and stability of each of the critical point. 7

b) Using Liapunov method determine the stability of the critical point (0, 0) in the following :

i)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = y - 2x^3, \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 3y^5$

ii)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -x^3 + 3xy^2, \frac{dy}{dt} = x^2y - 4y^3$

iii)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2xy + x^3, \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x^2 - y^3$ . (3+3+3)

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